

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 3/26/18 Place of Meeting: BOE Central Office conf. rm.
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette
Members present: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Kimberly LaTourette, Rick Regan
Members absent:
Other attendees: Alicia Roy, Jason McKinnon, Rich Sanzo, Ed Sbordone

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 26, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes of February 26, 2018, as presented

Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Textbook Adoption

1. AP Spanish Literature – The textbook for the AP Spanish Literature course was reviewed. There is only one textbook that includes all of the literature required for the course and that is recommended by the College Board. The cost is \$69 and includes a digital license. Seven students have requested the course for next year.

Motion: To recommend to the full Board the AP Spanish Literature textbook as recommended by the administration

Made by: Kimberly LaTourette

Seconded by: Dominic Cipollone

Recording of vote: All in favor

2. **AP Computer Science Principles** – The textbook for the AP Computer Science Principles course was reviewed. The recommended book is one of two texts that the College Board approves, and is consistent with Python Programming Language. Only four students have enrolled in this course while eighteen students have signed up for AP Computer Science A. Some elective courses may be offered on an alternating year schedule in the future so students can plan to take them, as there are not enough requests to offer some courses, like this one, every year.

Motion: To recommend to the full Board the AP Computer Science Principles textbook as recommended by the administration

Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Update – The Professional Development and Evaluation Committee (PDEC) is comprised of representatives from each building. There are four days in the school year dedicated to professional development, and the staff is surveyed concerning topics they would like to see presented. There has been a focus this year on teacher evaluation, researching rubrics (Danielson, Marzano, Marshall, State Rubric and Current Rubric) and reviewing them over several months. The decision of the committee was to change to the

state rubric (CCT). Approval from the State is needed to make this change. The State recommends that the district inform the Board prior to their approval. The State may grant approval in April, and then the Board can adopt changes in May/June. A memo, including a sample rubric and a link, was distributed. It was suggested that some of the four Professional Development days be used to address some of the staff's weaknesses on the teacher evaluation. The Board can help the evaluation process by supporting the Superintendent during disputes.

V. OTHER - Overview of Health Education in the district for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Kathy Baker
Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Seconded by: Rick Regan
Meeting adjourned at: 8:33 p.m.